

## *New Youth Program Partnership*

In October 2021, representatives from Celtic soccer connected with POC and ICompete to offer affordable soccer opportunities to families. Together, we creatively brainstormed efforts to bring the first parent informational night to Falcon Park on February 24, 2022.

The Celtic board approved working with families placing them on payment plans so that financial barriers within the home wouldn't limit youth involvement. We developed this pilot program to support families in need specifically. ICompete staff emphasized the importance of programs and leagues being mindful of costs and circumstances that our families often face.

Families that attended the parent night took advantage of on-the-spot registration, English Spanish translations, and a Q&A session with board members on spring season specifics. Families secured a spot by paying \$25 to help cover the jersey fee. Weekly amounts will be asked of families beginning in April.

Celtic partnered with us to successfully register 30 kids to participate in the upcoming spring season! An essential part of the work done by ICompete and POC is connecting families to quality programs that can enhance their children's skills and abilities. Our agency looks forward to seeing kids and families take advantage of the Celtic offerings.

An enormous shout-out to Celtic soccer for working tirelessly to make registration seamless for first-time parents.



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